

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1903.

In the absence of any local commercial news, the following summary of vessels chartered at San Francisco during August, will prove interesting. It was prepared by Messrs. C. W. Brooks & Co., to whom we are indebted for it. The information contained in it is more far than that found in the San Francisco papers.

San Francisco, August 31, 1903.

The past fortnight has not materially altered the amount of tonnage seeking employment. Fresh arrivals have rapidly replaced those accepted, engagements, and shippers decline conceding any advance, although firm at quotations.

Vessels in port seeking employment are sufficient to take up all charters offering, which are as follows:

Chincha to Hamburg—For cargo, 54, ship paying war rates on cargo, and commission, 75.
Baker's Island to Liverpool—On account Am. Guano Co., (Wm. H. Webb security), charterers firm at 100 tons per day, 25 sterling, and 75 cents. No export at all.

Mexico to Europe—Type Woods, with privilege of sailing sticks, 24 1/2; also, same cargo for New York at \$20 per ton weight, comm. 75. These charters are regularly in the market at current rates.

For Hongkong—A round charter of \$15,000. Net offering balance over, after deducting loading charges, to be equally divided. Ship *N. M. Palmer*, 1400 tons, chartered on Chinese account, has completed her cargo of lumber, grain and treasure. There is now on the berth loading, the ship *Maya*, 800 tons, *Black Prince*, 1000 tons, and Peruvian ship *Conito* Guano, 1214 tons, which will all be dispatched during the current month. Chinese passengers, finding everything themselves except water, are taken at \$12 per head net.

For Chile—Ship *Star and Stripes*, 1000 tons, bound for Puget Sound at \$25 per M. *Black & Co.*, 310 tons, same for Valparaiso, gets \$17 per M.

For New York—No vessel needed at present. Ship *Arctura*, 512 tons, now loading general cargo, was chartered at about the net sum of \$12,500—charterers paying loading expenses for her days—September 17, a week which time another charter will offer. At present, agents decline contracting.

For Boston—Ship *Washington*, 1200 tons, now loading on commission, has nearly completed her cargo, and a vessel is wanted to take her place in the line. Agents invite offers for lowest round sum from parties prepared to close, but decline making proposals or granting offers for carriers to work on. These charters are very difficult to effect, owing to the peculiar and exacting views of the agent at this port.

For Shanghai—British ship *Helena Nicholson*, 171 tons, chartered at about \$5,000 for the trip over, completed her cargo of lumber, flour and other goods on the 11th inst.

For Australia—Orders expected by last South American steamer failed to reach, since shippers of grain are not in market. The following ships are expected to arrive: *Black Hawk*, 1000 tons, grain for New York, at \$22.50; *Black Hawk*, 1000 tons, grain for Sydney, at \$22.50; *Black Hawk*, 1000 tons, grain for Sydney, at \$22.50.

For Liverpool—Several vessels wanted to load grain at \$22.50; *Black Hawk*, 1000 tons, grain for New York, at \$22.50; *Black Hawk*, 1000 tons, grain for Sydney, at \$22.50.

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